



Together For Kids and Families

## **Mental Health Work Group Meeting Summary Friday, September 26, 2014 from 1-3:00pm**

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Jen facilitated introductions.

### **Attendees**

Jen Gerdes, Tiffany Mullison, Mary Balluff, Traci Penrod, Gay McTate, Amy Bunnell, Lynne Brehm, Sue Adams, Kelly Bojcik, and, Joan Luebbbers.

### **Review Meeting Summary from July 18, 2014**

Jen reviewed the July Meeting Summary; members accepted the summary as presented.

### **Mental Health Work Plan**

The current work plan was projected onto the wall and emailed to those on phone. Jen guided the group through Strategy 11 and 12. The group updated the plan and generated a list of possible interests and action steps. Jen, Tiffany, and Barb will meet to build off the suggestions and bring the work plan back to the group at the next meeting.

### **Sub-Committee Updates**

- **Social Emotional Screening Tool**

Traci reported on the social-emotional screening tool recommendation. At the January 17, 2014 meeting, Kathy Karsting presented a charge to the Mental Health work group to support the ECCS federal grant award Goal #3: *Increase the number of pediatric health care providers implementing social and emotional screening*. The role of the Mental Health work group was to coordinate and complete a structured plan to compare and select assessment tool[s] suitable to be implemented in the pediatric medical home, targeting children ages 0-3 for toxic stress.

Mark, Traci, Barb, and Tiffany agreed to serve on a subcommittee. They developed a rubric with criteria for consideration. The rubric was brought back to the full group for input at the March 14, 2014 meeting and revised several times. The subcommittee compiled a list of 26 screening tools and then selected 5 for consideration. In May, the subcommittee shared their recommendation with the work group; the subcommittee recommended the Survey of Wellbeing of Young Children [SWYC].

In June, Dr. Coffey contacted Tiffany and requested the subcommittee consider the Safe Environment for Every Kid [SEEK] tool. Members then scored each of the 6 screening tools, with a maximum score of 56. Members had a conference call to discuss their scores. The SWYC received the highest score across the members as well as highest score when the scores were averaged. Tiffany shared the scores of the 6 screening tools.

<b>Tool</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Percent Score</b>
Survey of Wellbeing of Young Children [SWYC]	52/56	93%
Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status [PEDS]	49/56	88%
Ages and Stages Questionnaire – Socio-Emotional [ASQ-SE]	47/56	83%
Ages and Stages Questionnaire, 3rd edition	46/56	83%
Brief Infant-Toddler Social and Emotional Assessment [BITSEA]	36/56	63%
Safe Environment for Every Kid [SEEK]	31/56	55%

Members asked Traci about next steps. Group members expressed concerns if the tool indicates a referral is needed – especially if toxic stressors are identified. The group agrees EDN is the sole referral source for developmental concerns for the 0-3 year old population. Members discussed if the tool would 'fit' in home visiting programs, court programs, and EDN.

- **Early Childhood Integrated Skills and Competencies for Professionals**

Jen, Lynne, Gay and Traci are serving on the subcommittee. Jen provided an overview of the project to date. The first step was to develop indicators for the 11 competencies. Jen passed out a draft version of the document. Jen compiled a list of potential indicators for each competency and is seeking feedback on the final indicators. The goal is to have 3-5 indicators for each competency – the draft shared today has 5-8 possible indicators for each of the competencies. Some of the indicators can be combined. Jen will report out to N-MIECHV by September 30. Jen will develop self-assessment on the indicators by December 31, 2014.

- **Discussion of possible subcommittee to collect input and reformat the ECSOC tool**

The group would like a subcommittee to work on the ECSOC tool to increase respondent ability to complete the tool. The group suggested Tonia Durden and Lynne Brehm lead this short term initiative. Lynne will take a leadership role but doesn't want to handle meeting logistics.

#### **Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Updates – Tiffany**

- TFKF Work Group updates – Tiffany provided an update on the other 4 work groups. Each is actively updating their work plan to include the new focus on toxic stress.

#### **Member Updates – All**

Due to the focus on the work plan, the group reviewed the updates on the agenda.

#### **Next Meeting Friday, December 5 & Agenda Ideas**

- Further develop Work Plan
- Amy Holmes with Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska
- Katie with Nebraska Family Helpline – for 2015